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**WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. **FURTHER ACTION**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.
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3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).

2. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

a. type of material

- ☐ a sequence listing
☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing

b. format of material

- ☐ in written format
☐ in computer readable form

c. time of filing/furnishing

- ☐ contained in the international application as filed.
☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.

3. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.

4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	4-7,9-14	YES
	Claims	1-3,8	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	4-7	YES
	Claims	9-14	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-14	YES
	Claims	NONE	NO

2. Citations and explanations :

The invention relates to a probe contactor with a bent portion in the middle section of the probe contactor and a method of making the same.

Following documents have been cited in the International Search Report:

D1: US 01/26166 A1 (Theodore A. Khoury, et al.) 04 October 2001

D2: KR 99-46171 A (INTERNATIONAL TECHNOLOGY CO., LTD.) 05 July 1999

D3: JP01-091537 A (KIMOTO GUNSEI) 04 April 2001

1. D1 discloses a probe contactor formed on the substrate through a photo lithography process. The contactor has a base portion vertically formed on the substrate, a horizontal portion, one end of which is formed on the base portion, and a contact portion formed on another end of the horizontal portion.

2. D2 discloses a round type elastic wire probe comprising a round portion for dispersing elastic force and a right-angled portion for determining an exact position and transferring press pressure upstream.

3. D3 disclose a contactor with the shape of the elastic deformation part which can select a relative positional relationship between an input part and an output part, and which meanders is arranged so as to have a set angle to the x-axis.

The invention claimed in claims 1-14 is considered to be industrial applicable.

The search has been revealed that the invention claimed in claims 1-3 and 8 is not novel since they are disclosed in documents D1-D2. However, Claims 4-7 and 9-14 are considered to novel.

Claims 9-14 are considered to be lack of inventive step over the admitted prior arts of combination of D1-D3. However, the documents D1-D3 does not suggest the special feature of an auxiliary probe to support the main probe. Claims 4-7 are considered to have inventive steps.